

**Minutes of Planning Committee**

**Meeting date Tuesday, 10 October 2023**

**Committee Members present:** Councillor June Molyneaux (Chair), Councillor Alex Hilton (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Sarah Ainsworth, Karen Derbyshire, Gordon France, Danny Gee, Samir Khan, Alistair Morwood, Debra Platt, Chris Snow, Craige Southern, Neville Whitham and Alan Whittaker

**Officers:** Iain Crossland (Principal Planning Officer), Mike Halsall (Principal Planning Officer), Alex Jackson (Legal Services Team Leader) Matthew Pawlyszyn (Democratic and Member Services Officer), and Dan Cowton (Senior Helpdesk Technician)

A video recording of the public session of this meeting is available to view on [YouTube](#)

**22 Declarations of Any Interests**

No interests were declared.

**23 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 12 September 2023 of Planning Committee**

**Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.**

**24 Planning applications to be determined**

The Head of Planning and Enforcement submitted five planning applications to be determined. Plans considered were displayed at the meeting and can be viewed by following the links to the current planning applications on our [website](#).

**25 20/01378/FULMAJ - Formerly Mormon Church, Water Street, Chorley**

Public Speakers: Natalie Middleton (Objector) and Councillor Aaron Beaver (Ward Councillor)

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Alistair Morwood, seconded by Councillor Sarah Ainsworth, and **resolved (12 for, 2 against, and 1 abstention) that planning permission refused for the following reasons:**

- 1. The development would be harmful to the appearance of the St Lawrences conservation area and would therefore conflict with policy 16 of the Central Lancashire Core Strategy and Policies BNE1e) and BNE8 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012 – 2026.***

2. ***By virtue of its size and scale, the proposal would form an incongruent feature of the Streetscene and would be harmful to the area conflicting with Policy 17 of the Core Strategy and Policy BNE1a) of the Chorley Local Plan 2012 – 2026.***

**26 23/00454/FUL - Land Between 20 and Mereside, Oakmere Avenue, Withnell**

After careful consideration, an amendment was proposed by Councillor Debra Platt, seconded by Councillor Craige Southern, and **resolved (12 for, 0 against and 1 abstention) that planning permission be granted subject to conditions in the addendum and an additional condition requiring any change of use to any of the garages permitted to be subject of an application for planning permission.**

**27 23/00564/FUL - Land Opposite Hampton Grove, Wigan Road, Clayton-Le-Woods**

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Danny Gee, seconded by Councillor Craige Southern, and **resolved unanimously that planning permission be granted subject to conditions in the addendum.**

**28 23/00557/FULMAJ - Golden Acres Ltd, Plocks Farm, Liverpool Road, Bretherton**

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Alex Hilton, seconded by Councillor Alistair Morwood, and **resolved unanimously that members were minded to approve full planning permission and refer the application to the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2021.**

**29 22/00330/S106A - The Strawberry Fields Digital Hub, Euxton Lane, Chorley, PR7 1PS**

Registered speaker: Ellie Greatorex (Applicant)

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Alistair Morwood, seconded by Councillor Danny Gee, and **resolved unanimously that the application to modify the terms of the Section 106 Agreement be approved.**

**30 Chorley Borough Council Footpath 71 Public Path Diversion Order 2023**

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Alan Whittaker, seconded by Councillor Danny Gee, and **resolved unanimously that the recommendations be approved as outlined within the report.**

Chair

Date